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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know if the Government have stated any reasons for disallowing the supply of buttermilk? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Government have plenty of reasons for passing such an order."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I have some of the reasons from the hon. Member for not supplying buttermilk to 'C' class prisoners? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" One of the reasons is that the number of civil disobedience prisoners on whose behalf this demand for the supply of buttermilk is being made has fallen considerably. The number at the end of December 1933 is roughly 160. I believe it is even less than that now."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know, if the number increases, the Government propose to introduce the supply of buttermilk? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" That will be considered when the number increases again."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—" May I know if the Government will be pleased to issue a communiqué giving all the reasons for not supplying buttermilk to 'C' class prisoners for our edification and future action? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I shall consider my friend's suggestion."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Economic Condition

Damage to life and property due to the cyclone.

555 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: " Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what parts of the Presidency the recent cyclone worked its havoc;

(*b*) what the extent of damage caused to property, livestock and lands is;

(*c*) the number of casualties; and

(*d*) what steps have been taken to compensate for the damage caused, if any?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué, dated the 12th January 1934.

NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS IMPARTIBLE ESTATES ACT, 1904 (BILL No. 11 OF 1932).

* Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to present the Madras Impartible Estates Act, 1904 (Bill No. 11[a] of 1932) as reported on by the Select Committee and move that the Bill, as amended by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration."

[a] Published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* on 5th December 1933.

Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" I second it."

* Mr. C. BASU DEV:—" I rise to move that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned till 1st February 1934. I understand that there are objections to some of the provisions of the Bill, as emerged from the Select Committee, and there must be enough time for this House to consider those changes. There is also another important Bill of a similar nature which has to be carried through in this House. In these circumstances I have pleasure in moving that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned till 1st February 1934."

Mr. A. V. BANOJI RAO:—" I second the motion."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The motion is that the consideration of the Madras Impartible Estates Act Amendment Bill (Bill No. 11 of 1932) be adjourned till 1st February 1934."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Sir, I am surprised at the attitude taken by my hon. Friend, Mr. C. Basu Dev. I do not believe that it is with a view to enable another important Bill being carried through in this House that this Bill is sought to be adjourned. At the same time I would certainly tell my hon. Friends in this House that this Bill was before the Select Committee for a very long time and in considering the various aspects of this Bill opportunity was given to the zamindari Members of the Committee to put their case before the Committee. I am sure that my hon. Friends on the other side will not contradict me when I say that there was practical unanimity in the Committee and hon. Members representing zamindari interests had nothing to say against the Bill and it is with their full co-operation that this Bill has emerged from the Select Committee. If any other hon. Member of this House, other than those representing zamindari interests, were to object to the motion of my hon. Friend, Mr. Patnaik, I could understand it. I hope that the legislations brought forward by non-official Members of this House will not be treated in this manner by Members sitting on the Government Benches by means of dialatory motions with the ostensible object of allowing more time and all that, but really with the object of preventing the Bill from being passed into law."

* The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Sir, there is no intention of obstructing or delaying the Bill from being passed into law. For the last three or four days fresh amendments were given notice of and yesterday we wanted to have an opportunity of discussing them, and come to an understanding. But I was not well yesterday, and the Kumararaja of Venkatagiri also had fever last night, and we could not settle the matter. We have not had sufficient time to look through the fresh amendments that have been given notice of. I consulted the Leaders of all Parties and it is only with their concurrence that this motion is being moved."

* Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—" It is only just to come to an agreement regarding certain amendments that had been given notice

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of that we wanted to meet together. I had a talk with the Kumararaja of Venkatagiri. Of course as regards the report of the Select Committee, even some zamindars were dissatisfied."

The motion that the consideration of the Bill be adjourned till 1st February 1934 was put and carried.

III.—THE MADRAS MONEY-LENDERS' BILL (BILL No. 21 OF 1932).

* Mr. C. Basu Dev :—" I rise to present the Report [a] of the Select Committee on the Madras Money-lenders' Bill which I had the honour of introducing in the middle of July 1932 and move that the Bill, as amended by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration."

Mr. M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar :—" Sir, under Standing Order No. 43 which reads: 'that the Bill, as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration, but any member may object to its being so taken into consideration if the copies mentioned in Standing Order No. 41 have not been available for the use of Members for fifteen days', I object to this motion being made. Copies of this report were sent to us only on the 23rd and it is hardly seven days. The Report and the Bill should have been with us for fifteen days. I therefore object to the motion being made."

Mr. C. Basu Dev :—" I think that is a matter for which the Council Office is responsible."

Mr. M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar :—" I can only say this: it has nothing to do with the Council Office. The Committee met only in January between 8th and 10th and the hon. Member has given notice only on the 18th January and the Council Office has published it as quickly as it can. Therefore the Council Office is not to blame."

* The hon. the President :—" I think that no serious objection has been taken to my allowing the objection to-day. I hold that the motion need not be made now."

IV.—THE MADRAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES BILL (BILL No. 11 OF 1933).

* Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" I rise to present the Report [b] of the Select Committee on the Madras Public Libraries Bill and move that the Bill, as amended by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration.

" Sir, I find that there is some hesitancy on the part of the Government on the ground that they have not had enough time to consider the implications of the various provisions of the Bill, as amended by the Select Committee. There has already been a suggestion that they ought to have had time to consider the various amendments in their financial aspect and then come forward to support this Bill. I would

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[b] Printed as Appendix IV at pages 210-229 infra.